

1-1 By: Guillen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Powell) H.B. No. 700
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2019;
 1-3 April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Natural Resources & Economic Development; May 9, 2019, reported
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2; May 9, 2019, sent
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the use of the skills development fund by certain
 1-23 entities.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 303.001(a), Labor Code, is amended to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 (a) The purpose of this chapter is to remove administrative
 1-28 barriers that impede the response of public community and technical
 1-29 colleges, community-based organizations, local workforce
 1-30 development boards, public libraries, and the Texas A&M Engineering
 1-31 Extension Service to industry and workforce training needs and to
 1-32 develop incentives for public community and technical colleges,
 1-33 community-based organizations, local workforce development boards,
 1-34 public libraries, and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
 1-35 to provide customized assessment and training in a timely and
 1-36 efficient manner.

1-37 SECTION 2. Section 303.002(b), Labor Code, is amended to
 1-38 read as follows:

1-39 (b) A public community or technical college or the Texas A&M
 1-40 Engineering Extension Service may recover customized assessment
 1-41 and training costs incurred by the institution if:

1-42 (1) there is an actual or projected labor shortage in
 1-43 the occupation in which training is provided that is not being met
 1-44 by an existing institution or program in the area; and

1-45 (2) the wages at the time of job placement for
 1-46 individuals who successfully complete customized training at the
 1-47 public community or technical college or the Texas A&M Engineering
 1-48 Extension Service are equal to the prevailing wage for that
 1-49 occupation in the local labor market area.

1-50 SECTION 3. Sections 303.003(b), (f), (g), and (h), Labor
 1-51 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-52 (b) The skills development fund may be used by public
 1-53 community and technical colleges, community-based organizations,
 1-54 local workforce development boards, public libraries, and the Texas
 1-55 A&M Engineering Extension Service as start-up or emergency funds
 1-56 for the following job-training purposes:

1-57 (1) developing customized training programs for
 1-58 businesses and trade unions; and

1-59 (2) sponsoring small and medium-sized business
 1-60 networks and consortiums.

1-61 (f) The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service shall focus

2-1 the service's training activities under this chapter on programs
2-2 that:

- 2-3 (1) are statewide in nature; or
- 2-4 (2) are not available from a local junior college
2-5 district, a local technical college, or a consortium of junior
2-6 college districts.

2-7 (g) This section does not prohibit the Texas A&M Engineering
2-8 Extension Service from participating in a consortium of junior
2-9 college districts or with a technical college that provides
2-10 training under this chapter.

2-11 (h) A community-based organization may apply for money to
2-12 participate in a training program only in partnership with a
2-13 community and technical college or the Texas A&M Engineering
2-14 Extension Service. A community-based organization providing
2-15 services regulated by the state shall provide evidence of any
2-16 certification, license, or registration required by law.

2-17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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